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1. By paragraph 7 of section VI of its resolution 51/226 of 3 April 1997, the General Assembly endorsed the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions that the Secretariat resume the past practice of submitting, on a biennial basis and in conjunction with the report requested by the Committee on the hiring of retired staff, a report on the hiring and use of consultants, following the format of past reports on the subject (A/51/533, para. 44).

2. With release 3 of the Integrated Management Information System (IMIS) in April 1996, statistical data on consultants and individual contractors engaged at United Nations Headquarters are available as a consequence of the recording of contractual obligations and payments. This facility, is not yet available, however, at all offices away from Headquarters. The statistics in the annex to the present report, therefore, reflect data on expenditures at offices away from Headquarters collected in a standard format and integrated into the IMIS database. For the first time, global summaries and statistics are available, based on an aggregation of comparable detailed data sets.

3. In the biennium 1996–1997, 7,505 individual special service agreements were concluded with consultants or individual contractors, for a total contract duration of 1,697 person years of work. Total expenditure for these special service agreements was $53 million, from all sources of funding; 72 per cent of special service agreements for consultants and individual contractors were at offices away from Headquarters. Consultants comprised 80 per cent of all persons contracted under special service agreements. Consultants and individual contractors engaged during the biennium, 1996–1997 were drawn from 165 countries and areas (162 Member States, Switzerland, Tonga and Palestinian). With regard to gender, 28 per cent of those engaged were women. Expenditure recorded against the regular budget for 1996–1997 for consultants and individual contractors totalled $11.3 million, including travel and subsistence, compared with an allotment of $11.9 million; the regular budget covered 26 per cent of total engagements. Some 235 special service

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agreements (3 per cent of the total) were concluded with 94 retirees from the United Nations common system, representing $1.1 million in expenditure.

4. Table 1 of the annex presents data on the engagement of consultants and individual contractors by department or office for 1996–1997. The secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development accounted for 20 per cent of all engagements, the Department for Development Support and Management Services for 10 per cent and Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean for 16 per cent. The table shows details of the number of special service agreements, the number of contractees, the number of days worked and total fees.

5. Table 2 breaks down the same data by department or office for the biennium with regard to the average number of days per contractee, the average fee per contractee and the resultant average fee per day.

6. Table 3 presents data on the use of consultants and individual contractors by nationality, again with a breakdown of the number special service agreements, the number of contractees, the number of days worked and total fees.

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Explanatory note

The following abbreviations have been used in the tables:

DDSMS	Department for Development Support and Management Services
DESA	Department of Economic and Social Affairs
DESIPA	Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis
DGAACS	Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services
DM	Department of Management
DM/OCSS	Office of Central Support Services
DM/OHRM	Office of Human Resources Management
DM/OPPBA	Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts
DPA	Department of Political Affairs
DPCSD	Department for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development
DPI	Department of Public Information
DPKO	Department of Peacekeeping Operations
DPKO/FALD	Special missions
ECA	Economic Commission for Africa
ECE	Economic Commission for Europe
ECLAC	Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
EOSG	Executive Office of the Secretary-General
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
ESCWA	Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia
HC/CHR	Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights/Centre for Human Rights
ICJ	Registry of the International Court of Justice
ICTFY	International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991
ICSC	Secretariat of the International Civil Service Commission
ICTR	International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994
INSTRAW	International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women
ITC	International Trade Centre UNCTAD/World Trade Organization
LD	Limited duration

OCHA	Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
OIOS	Office of Internal Oversight Services
OLA	Office of Legal Affairs
OSG	Office of the Secretary-General
SSAs	Special service agreements
UNCHS	United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)
UNCTAD	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNJSPF	Secretariat of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund and the United Nations Staff Pension Committee
UNOG	United Nations Office at Geneva
UNOIP	United Nations Office of the Iraq Programme
UNON	United Nations Office at Nairobi
UNOV	United Nations Office at Vienna
UNSCOM	United Nations Special Commission

Annex

Use of consultants and individual contractors: statistical data

Table 1
Consultants and individual contractors by department or office, 1996–1997

Office	CONSULTANTS				INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTORS				TOTAL			
	Number of SSAs	Number of Contractees	Total of Days Worked	Total Fees ($000)	Number of SSAs	Number of Contractees	Total of Days Worked	Total Fees ($000)	Number of SSAs	Number of Contractees	Total of Days Worked	Total Fees ($000)
UNCTAD	1,516	734	115,590	$11,128	0	0	0	$0	1,516	734	115,590	$11,128
DDSMS	766	572	57,740	$8,886	9	9	220	$43	775	581	57,960	$8,929
ECLAC	664	435	28,144	$3,373	555	190	11,251	$898	1219	625	39,395	$4,271
DM	108	103	17,458	$705	261	111	58,110	$2,494	369	214	75,568	$3,199
UNOG	93	64	8,592	$2,198	125	99	12,528	$904	218	163	21,120	$3,102
UNON	264	206	18,320	$2,628	1	1	484	$15	265	207	18,804	$2,643
ESCAP	502	419	37,910	$2,487	21	16	471	$28	523	435	38,381	$2,515
OCHA	150	102	15,469	$1,811	53	30	9,384	$513	203	132	24,853	$2,324
UNOV	314	223	20,771	$2,002	52	31	2,514	$229	366	254	23,285	$2,231
DPCSD	193	166	31,896	$1,580	18	16	6,812	$193	211	182	38,708	$1,773
DPI	39	34	4,836	$214	302	120	38,276	$1,381	341	154	43,112	$1,595
DPA	93	52	16,339	$1,178	20	19	2,906	$351	113	71	19,245	$1,529
ECA	143	122	10,196	$1,126	0	0	0	$0	143	122	10,196	$1,126
DESA	86	59	8,467	$1,044	1	1	198	$8	87	60	8,665	$1,052
ICTFY	409	157	9,937	$982	0	0	0	$0	409	157	9,937	$982
DESIPA	96	79	20,812	$871	1	1	14	$1	97	80	20,826	$872
ESCWA	215	167	12,207	$631	57	35	2,481	$78	272	202	14,688	$709
UNFCCC	72	42	1,845	$494	34	27	1,349	$206	106	69	3,194	$700
DPKO	59	33	8,516	$591	14	12	717	$98	73	45	9,233	$689
ICTR	3	1	209	$6	46	37	6,449	$480	49	38	6658	$492
UNJSPF	4	2	665	$295	1	1	90	$34	5	3	755	$329
ECE	77	66	3 594	$258	2	2	99	$11	79	68	3,693	$269
OLA	8	7	5 156	$102	12	12	5,920	$104	20	19	11,076	$206
OSG	16	15	921	$107	0	0	0	$0	16	15	921	$107
DGAACS	0	0	0	$0	3	3	727	$50	3	3	727	$50
ICSC	6	5	376	$46	0	0	0	$0	6	5	376	$46
OIOS	6	6	1,273	$10	1	1	2	$1	7	7	1,275	$11
DPKO/FALD	1	1	121	$6	0	0	0	$0	1	1	121	$6
UNOIP	0	0	0	$0	1	1	5	$2	1	1	5	$2
ICJ	1	1	8	$1	0	0	0	$0	1	1	8	$1
UNSCOM	2	2	363	$0	0	0	0	$0	2	2	363	$0
(Unspecified) [1]	3	3	71	$59	6	5	432	$25	9	8	503	$84
TOTAL	5,906	3,875	457,731	$44,823	1,590	775	161,007	$8,153	7,496	4,650	618,738	$52,976

Table 2

Consultants and individual contractors by department or office, 1996–1997: average duration of contracts, average fees per contractee and average fees per day

	CONSULTANTS			*INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTORS*			*TOTAL*		
Office	Average Days per Contractee	Average Fee per Contractee ($)	Average Fee per Day ($)	Average Days per Contractee	Average Fee per Contractee ($)	Average Fee per Day ($)	Average Days per Contractee	Average Fee per Contractee ($)	Average Fee per Day ($)
UNCTAD	157	$15,200	$100	N/A	N/A	N/A	157	$15,200	$100
DDSMS	101	$15,500	$150	24	$4,800	$200	100	$15,400	$150
ECLAC	65	$7,800	$120	59	$4,700	$80	63	$6,800	$110
DM	169	$6,800	$40	524	$22,500	$40	353	$14,900	$40
UNOG	134	$34,300	$260	127	$9,100	$70	130	$19,000	$150
UNON	89	$12,800	$140	484	$15,000	$30	91	$12,600	$140
ESCAP	90	$5,900	$70	29	$1,800	$60	88	$5,800	$70
OCHA	152	$17,800	$120	313	$17,100	$50	188	$17,600	$90
UNOV	93	$9,000	$100	81	$7,400	$90	92	$8,800	$100
DPCSD	192	$9,500	$50	426	$12,100	$30	213	$9,700	$50
DPI	142	$6,300	$40	319	$11,500	$40	280	$10,400	$40
DPA	314	$22,700	$70	153	$18,500	$120	271	$21,500	$80
ECA	84	$9,200	$110	N/A	N/A	N/A	84	$9,200	$110
DESA	144	$17,700	$120	198	$8,000	$40	144	$17,500	$120
ICTFY	63	$6,300	$100	N/A	N/A	N/A	63	$6,300	$100
DESIPA	263	$11,000	$40	14	$1,000	$70	260	$10,900	$40
ESCWA	73	$3,800	$50	71	$2,200	$30	73	$3,500	$50
UNFCCC	44	$11,800	$270	50	$7,600	$150	46	$10,100	$220
DPKO	258	$17,900	$70	60	$8,200	$140	205	$15,300	$70
ICTR	209	$6,000	$30	174	$13,100	$80	175	$12,900	$70
UNJSPF	333	$147,500	$440	90	$34,000	$380	252	$109,700	$440
ECE	54	$3,900	$70	50	$5,500	$110	54	$4,000	$70
OLA	737	$14,600	$20	493	$8,700	$20	583	$10,800	$20
OSG	61	$7,100	$120	N/A	N/A	N/A	61	$7,100	$120
DGAACS	N/A	N/A	N/A	242	$16,700	$70	242	$16,700	$70
ICSC	75	$9,200	$120	N/A	N/A	N/A	75	$9,200	$120
OIOS	212	$1,700	$10	2	$1,000	$500	182	$1,600	$10
DPKO/FALD	121	$6,000	$50	N/A	N/A	N/A	121	$6,000	$50
UNOIP	N/A	N/A	N/A	5	$2,000	$400	5	$2,000	$400
ICJ	8	$1,000	$130	N/A	N/A	N/A	8	$1,000	$130
UNSCOM	182	$0	$0	N/A	N/A	N/A	182	$0	$0
(Unspecified))	24	$19,700	$830	86.4	5000	$60	63	$10,500	$170
TOTAL	**118**	**$11,600**	**$100**	**208**	**$10,500**	**$50**	**133**	**$11,400**	**$90**

Table 3
Consultants and individual contractors by nationality, 1996–1997

Country or area	CONSULTANTS				INDIVIDUAL CONTRACTORS				TOTAL			
	Number of SSAs	Number of Contractees	Total of Days Worked	Total Fees ($000)	Number of SSAs	Number of Contractees	Total of Days Worked	Total Fees ($000)	Number of SSAs	Number of Contractees	Total of Days Worked	Total Fees ($000)
United States of America	709	464	65,715	$6,616	326	158	55,018	$2,489	1035	622	120,733	$9,105
United Kingdom	492	303	32,706	$4,059	90	41	6,107	$496	582	344	38,813	$4,555
France	356	189	27,451	$3,466	62	32	6,538	$387	418	221	33,989	$3,853
Canada	214	141	19,586	$2,096	35	31	4,716	$343	249	172	24,302	$2,439
Chile	293	160	14,066	$1,493	407	124	8,530	$634	700	284	22,596	$2,127
India	221	146	15,389	$1,429	19	11	3,871	$81	240	157	19,260	$1,510
Belgium	83	38	8,681	$1,332	13	3	368	$32	96	41	9,049	$1,364
Brazil	125	91	7,782	$899	25	20	1,924	$169	150	111	9,706	$1,068
Argentina	152	97	8,742	$959	45	16	1,173	$65	197	113	9,915	$1,024
Australia	87	59	7,730	$800	20	15	2,818	$158	107	74	10,548	$958
Germany	104	75	8,944	$848	19	11	2,562	$108	123	86	11,506	$956
Kenya	95	52	7,155	$717	10	4	1,015	$112	105	56	8,170	$829
Italy	65	44	7,446	$663	7	6	2,881	$70	72	50	10,327	$733
Netherlands	108	73	5,380	$672	5	5	967	$34	113	78	6,347	$706
Egypt	90	70	6,045	$629	20	5	2,388	$70	110	75	8,433	$699
Russian Federation	71	42	5,804	$514	32	8	3,312	$153	103	50	9,116	$667
Philippines	78	51	6,760	$521	18	13	2,908	$123	96	64	9,668	$644
Peru	82	35	4,951	$480	14	8	746	$63	96	43	5,697	$543
Switzerland	50	30	5,573	$501	6	6	155	$23	56	36	5,728	$524
Portugal	28	21	4,328	$487	1	1	60	$11	29	22	4,388	$498
Ghana	50	35	3,883	$454	1	1	212	$40	51	36	4,095	$494
Spain	53	39	3,554	$364	28	11	4,054	$123	81	50	7,608	$487
China	53	52	7,269	$434	18	5	1,513	$43	71	57	8,782	$477
Sweden	44	34	6,541	$359	8	4	872	$68	52	38	7,413	$427
Colombia	60	46	2,675	$328	7	5	3,696	$98	67	51	6,371	$426
Bangladesh	50	37	6,832	$348	13	5	1,118	$70	63	42	7,950	$418

Country or area	Number of SSAs	Number of Contractees	Total of Days Worked	Total Fees ($000)	Number of SSAs	Number of Contractees	Total of Days Worked	Total Fees ($000)	Number of SSAs	Number of Contractees	Total of Days Worked	Total Fees ($000)
Tunisia	35	22	2,090	$365	2	2	105	$36	37	24	2,195	$401
Jordan	85	62	4,637	$270	44	21	2,293	$67	129	83	6,930	$337
South Africa	28	20	1,371	$226	9	4	2,934	$105	37	24	4,305	$331
Uganda	28	20	3,672	$327	0	0	0	$0	28	20	3,672	$327
Ethiopia	51	44	4,906	$305	3	2	139	$14	54	46	5,045	$319
Iran (Islamic Rep. of)	31	19	4,103	$279	4	3	390	$30	35	22	4,493	$309
El Salvador	18	9	979	$300	3	1	43	$7	21	10	1,022	$307
Bosnia and Herzegovina	162	41	3,869	$300	1	1	150	$1	163	42	4,019	$301
Cameroon	39	28	3,025	$287	2	2	120	$15	41	30	3,145	$302
Croatia	129	52	4,653	$288	4	2	405	$13	133	54	5,058	$301
Japan	40	31	6,046	$283	2	2	332	$17	42	33	6,378	$300
Lebanon	33	21	2,948	$267	12	9	568	$22	45	30	3,516	$289
Algeria	28	15	1,142	$238	2	1	513	$48	30	16	1,655	$286
Poland	24	18	1,865	$226	6	2	867	$52	30	20	2,732	$278
Thailand	47	42	3,083	$258	6	6	331	$5	53	48	3,414	$263
Ireland	26	13	961	$205	7	4	661	$53	33	17	1,622	$258
Venezuela	26	13	2,496	$221	1	1	24	$34	27	14	2,520	$255
Uruguay	44	34	1,821	$231	14	11	445	$23	58	45	2,266	$254
Senegal	28	23	1,440	$238	1	1	59	$2	29	24	1,499	$240
Malaysia	40	26	4,059	$232	1	1	121	$2	41	27	4,180	$234
United Rep. of Tanzania	18	14	923	$61	17	15	2,579	$173	35	29	3,502	$234
Austria	20	16	2,105	$186	10	4	352	$46	30	20	2,457	$232
Norway	24	20	3,484	$203	2	2	151	$13	26	22	3,635	$216
Sri Lanka	30	24	2,098	$178	4	4	339	$35	34	28	2,437	$213
Benin	28	15	1,778	$209	0	0	0	$0	28	15	1,778	$209
Turkey	10	9	1,404	$165	6	3	723	$42	16	12	2,127	$207
Bolivia	26	14	1,300	$190	3	1	90	$8	29	15	1,390	$198
Pakistan	35	28	2,514	$180	6	4	1,309	$17	41	32	3,823	$197
Rwanda	5	5	783	$107	9	9	1,895	$82	14	14	2,678	$189
Nigeria	23	19	1,936	$149	5	3	413	$21	28	22	2,349	$170
Romania	20	10	3,084	$168	1	1	3	$0	21	11	3,087	$168

Country or area	Number of SSAs	Number of Contractees	Total of Days Worked	Total Fees ($000)	Number of SSAs	Number of Contractees	Total of Days Worked	Total Fees ($000)	Number of SSAs	Number of Contractees	Total of Days Worked	Total Fees ($000)
Jamaica	24	11	859	$75	10	6	2,132	$92	34	17	2,991	$167
Mexico	19	15	723	$162	1	1	2	$1	20	16	725	$163
Haiti	20	11	2,475	$149	4	1	1,142	$13	24	12	3,617	$162
New Zealand	20	16	1,291	$153	4	2	98	$4	24	18	1,389	$157
Viet Nam	29	15	2,219	$111	3	1	662	$42	32	16	2,881	$153
Denmark	25	14	1,865	$128	3	3	86	$16	28	17	1,951	$144
Cuba	10	6	888	$128	2	2	208	$3	12	8	1,096	$131
Czech Republic	14	12	622	$126	1	1	60	$3	15	13	682	$129
Iraq	27	17	1,626	$121	4	3	222	$7	31	20	1,848	$128
Guyana	8	8	1,594	$75	6	4	951	$53	14	12	2,545	$128
Hungary	16	12	1,115	$106	4	4	652	$14	20	16	1,767	$120
Burundi	13	9	821	$101	3	3	213	$17	16	12	1,034	$118
Republic of Korea	33	26	3,615	$118	0	0	0	$0	33	26	3,615	$118
Mozambique	4	3	128	$28	7	4	811	$88	11	7	939	$116
Trinidad and Tobago	9	7	847	$71	4	1	1,903	$42	13	8	2,750	$113
Zaire	12	8	1,035	$93	6	3	309	$18	18	11	1,344	$111
Israel	9	4	570	$90	1	1	635	$20	10	5	1,205	$110
Zambia	14	8	1,324	$109	0	0	0	$0	14	8	1,324	$109
Côte d'Ivoire	9	8	1,063	$73	3	2	391	$34	12	10	1,454	$107
Nepal	31	25	2,434	$104	2	2	242	$3	33	27	2,676	$107
Bulgaria	15	7	1,581	$99	1	1	50	$6	16	8	1,631	$105
Antigua and Barbuda	1	1	2,994	$104	0	0	0	$0	1	1	2,994	$104
Zimbabwe	15	13	823	$86	6	3	180	$14	21	16	1,003	$100
Indonesia	26	23	2,458	$89	3	1	420	$9	29	24	2,878	$98
Morocco	10	9	506	$61	1	1	24	$34	11	10	530	$95
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	11	8	6,810	$89	0	0	0	$0	11	8	6,810	$89
Greece	8	5	1,644	$77	1	1	139	$2	9	6	1,783	$79

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Costa Rica	12	10	412	$74	1	1	118	$3	13	11	530	$77
Guinea	10	6	2,736	$76	0	0	0	$0	10	6	2,736	$76
Mauritania	14	9	386	$75	0	0	0	$0	14	9	386	$75
Guatemala	11	8	539	$40	2	1	211	$31	13	9	750	$71
Sierra Leone	8	7	490	$61	2	1	243	$8	10	8	733	$69
Estonia	9	5	558	$64	3	1	266	$3	12	6	824	$67
Armenia	23	12	3,855	$66	0	0	0	$0	23	12	3,855	$66
Ecuador	6	6	233	$43	5	5	250	$22	11	11	483	$65
Yugoslavia	30	19	869	$58	0	0	0	$0	30	19	869	$58
Finland	13	6	384	$50	2	1	30	$8	15	7	414	$58
Madagascar	3	3	124	$16	1	1	24	$41	4	4	148	$57
Singapore	16	13	1,142	$55	0	0	0	$0	16	13	1,142	$55
Myanmar	8	7	1,259	$54	0	0	0	$0	8	7	1,259	$54
Iceland	0	0	0	$0	1	1	1,086	52	1	1	1,086	$52
Syrian Arab Republic	12	12	531	$52	0	0	0	$0	12	12	531	$52
Gabon	3	2	1,097	$45	4	1	168	$7	7	3	1,265	$52
Honduras	9	2	539	$46	0	0	0	$0	9	2	539	$46
Niger	6	3	335	$46	0	0	0	$0	6	3	335	$46
Republic of Yemen	4	4	347	$14	9	1	1,014	$28	13	5	1,361	$42
Mali	7	7	388	$37	0	0	0	$0	7	7	388	$37
Ukraine	5	5	150	$11	5	1	440	$26	10	6	590	$37
Mauritius	7	5	722	$37	0	0	0	$0	7	5	722	$37
Togo	13	6	768	$36	0	0	0	$0	13	6	768	$36
Barbados	5	3	177	$35	0	0	0	$0	5	3	177	$35
Eritrea	5	1	392	$35	0	0	0	$0	5	1	392	$35
Burkina Faso	6	6	368	$33	0	0	0	$0	6	6	368	$33
Fiji	6	6	359	$32	0	0	0	$0	6	6	359	$32
Saint Kitts and Nevis	1	1	2	$31	0	0	0	$0	1	1	2	$31
Sao Tome and Principe	3	2	274	$29	0	0	0	$0	3	2	274	$29

Country or area	Number of SSAs	Number of Contractees	Total of Days Worked	Total Fees ($000)	Number of SSAs	Number of Contractees	Total of Days Worked	Total Fees ($000)	Number of SSAs	Number of Contractees	Total of Days Worked	Total Fees ($000)
Angola	8	4	76	$28	0	0	0	$0	8	4	76	$28
Bahrain	6	4	264	$28	0	0	0	$0	6	4	264	$28
Nicaragua	5	5	214	$27	0	0	0	$0	5	5	214	$27
Cape Verde	5	1	321	$25	0	0	0	$0	5	1	321	$25
Surinam	3	2	151	$12	4	1	602	$12	7	3	753	$24
Slovenia	6	5	418	$23	0	0	0	$0	6	5	418	$23
Saudi Arabia	4	4	318	$23	0	0	0	$0	4	4	318	$23
Liberia	2	2	56	$21	0	0	0	$0	2	2	56	$21
Congo	9	5	265	$20	0	0	0	$0	9	5	265	$20
Gambia	5	4	233	$20	0	0	0	$0	5	4	233	$20
Belarus	3	3	92	$7	5	1	949	$12	8	4	1,041	$19
Kuwait	3	2	62	$15	0	0	0	$0	3	2	62	$15
Cyprus	2	2	370	$14	0	0	0	$0	2	2	370	$14
Somalia	2	2	49	$14	0	0	0	$0	2	2	49	$14
Dominican Republic	4	3	241	$13	1	1	21	$1	5	4	262	$14
United Arab Emirates	1	1	20	$13	0	0	0	$0	1	1	20	$13
Botswana	2	2	118	$13	0	0	0	$0	2	2	118	$13
Azerbaijan	4	2	204	$13	0	0	0	$0	4	2	204	$13
Lao, People's Dem. Rep.	5	5	443	$13	0	0	0	$0	5	5	443	$13
Kazakhstan	7	6	358	$11	0	0	0	$0	7	6	358	$11
Samoa	3	1	141	$11	0	0	0	$0	3	1	141	$11
Cambodia	5	5	268	$11	0	0	0	$0	5	5	268	$11
Mongolia	2	2	121	$2	1	1	56	$8	3	3	177	$10
Tonga	1	1	111	$10	0	0	0	$0	1	1	111	$10
Lithuania	6	3	253	$10	0	0	0	$0	6	3	253	$10
Uzbekistan	9	2	292	$10	0	0	0	$0	9	2	292	$10
Republic of Moldova	5	4	131	$9	0	0	0	$0	5	4	131	$9
Sudan	4	4	46	$8	0	0	0	$0	4	4	46	$8
Malta	1	1	100	$8	0	0	0	$0	1	1	100	$8

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Vanuatu	1	1	115	$8	0	0	0	$0	1	1	115	$8
Oman	2	2	169	$7	0	0	0	$0	2	2	169	$7
Latvia	3	3	557	$5	0	0	0	$0	3	3	557	$5
D.P.R of Korea	1	1	123	$5	0	0	0	$0	1	1	123	$5
Palau	2	1	61	$4	1	1	24	$1	3	2	85	$5
Slovakia	3	2	303	$4	0	0	0	$0	3	2	303	$4
Paraguay	3	3	36	$2	1	1	12	$2	4	4	48	$4
Bhutan	1	1	120	$3	0	0	0	$0	1	1	120	$3
Kyrgyzstan	4	2	302	$3	0	0	0	$0	4	2	302	$3
Luxembourg	1	1	12	$3	0	0	0	$0	1	1	12	$3
Malawi	1	1	62	$3	0	0	0	$0	1	1	62	$3
Maldives	1	1	21	$3	0	0	0	$0	1	1	21	$3
Turkmenistan	2	2	105	$3	0	0	0	$0	2	2	105	$3
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	1	1	14	$3	0	0	0	$0	1	1	14	$3
Swaziland	2	2	90	$2	0	0	0	$0	2	2	90	$2
Panama	1	1	19	$2	0	0	0	$0	1	1	19	$2
Georgia	1	1	29	$1	0	0	0	$0	1	1	29	$1
Afghanistan	1	1	45	$1	0	0	0	$0	1	1	45	$1
Albania	1	1	15	$1	0	0	0	$0	1	1	15	$1
Papua New Guinea	2	2	6	$1	0	0	0	$0	2	2	6	$1
Seychelles	1	1	30	$1	0	0	0	$0	1	1	30	$1
Palestinian	1	1	59	$1	1	1	4	$0	2	2	63	$1
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	1	1	4	$1	0	0	0	$0	1	1	4	$1
(Unspecified)	54	50	4,807	$1,741	31	30	6,496	$310	85	80	11,303	$2,051
TOTAL	**5,894**	**3,798**	**457,812**	**$44,823**	**1,596**	**774**	**161,444**	**$8,153**	**7,490**	**4,572**	**619,256**	**$52,976**

Note: The number of contractees in table 3 (4,572) reflects the biennium baseline. The higher number in table 1 reflects the fact that 86 persons were contracted by more than one department.

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Letter dated 27 October 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on 26 October 1998 relating to the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations in Wye, Maryland, United States of America, which culminated in the conclusion on 23 October 1998 of a very important accord between the two sides (see annex).

I would be grateful if you could kindly ensure that the text of the present letter and its annex is circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda items 39 and 40.

(Signed) Volodymyr **Yel'chenko**
Ambassador Extraordinary and
Plenipotentiary
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Annex

Statement issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on 26 October 1998

In view of the conclusion of the Israeli-Palestinian talks held in the United States of America and the signing, as the result, of the Wye River Memorandum, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine is authorized to state that negotiations between Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel and President Yasir Arafat of the Palestinian National Authority and the agreements they reached have been favourably received in Ukraine.

The Israeli-Palestinian talks are an important phase in the road towards the practical implementation of agreements concluded five years ago in Oslo. The signing of the Memorandum, contrary to attempts of radical forces on both sides to block the achievement of a compromise, testifies to the mutual political will aimed at keeping the momentum for the sake of finding mutually acceptable solutions to the problems of the Middle East settlement.

The steps undertaken by both sides to make the Israeli-Palestinian negotiating process more active and the concrete positive agreements that have been reached in its course give all grounds to expect that the political will demonstrated by the leaders of Israel and of the Palestinian National Authority will find support from both the Israeli and the Palestinian peoples, as well as from the entire world community, which cannot be indifferent to the fate of peace in the Middle East.

The mediatory efforts of the United States of America and the personal role of President Clinton, as the result of which the Middle East peace process has resumed its dynamism for the first time after a long recess, are highly appreciated in Ukraine. In Ukraine, this event is perceived as evidence of the fact that even the most complicated and protracted conflicts can and should be settled by political means, through negotiations.

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The situation in the Middle East

Report of the Secretary-General

I. Introduction

1. The present report is submitted in pursuance of General Assembly resolutions 52/53 and 52/54 of 9 December 1997. The General Assembly, in its resolution 52/53, which deals with the transfer by some States of their diplomatic missions to Jerusalem in violation of Security Council resolution 478 (1980) of 20 August 1980, called once more upon those States to abide by the provisions of the relevant United Nations resolutions. In resolution 52/54, which deals with Israeli policies in the Syrian territory occupied by Israel since 1967, the General Assembly demanded once more that Israel withdraw from all the occupied Syrian Golan in implementation of the relevant Security Council resolutions.

2. The Secretary-General, in order to fulfil his reporting responsibility under the above-mentioned resolutions, on 31 August 1998 addressed notes verbales to the Permanent Representative of Israel and to the Permanent Representatives of the other Member States requesting them to inform him of any steps their Governments had taken or envisaged taking concerning implementation of the relevant provisions of those resolutions. As of 30 October 1998, ten replies have been received, from Brunei Darussalam, Gambia, Guyana, Japan, Nigeria, Panama, Philippines, the Russian Federation, Uganda and Ukraine. Those replies are reproduced in section II of the present report.

II. Replies from Member States

Brunei Darussalam

[Original: English]

Brunei Darussalam has called for Israel's total and unconditional withdrawal from the territories it has occupied since the 1967 war. Those territories include the Syrian Golan, the Palestinian lands of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, southern Lebanon and the Sinai of Egypt.

With reference to paragraph 2 of resolution 52/53, Brunei Darussalam has no bilateral relations with Israel nor any diplomatic representation in Jerusalem.

Gambia

[Original: English]

The Gambia does not have a resident ambassador in the State of Israel. Although the Gambia enjoys normal diplomatic relations with Israel, it has no embassy in Israel.

Guyana

[Original: English]

With regard to resolution 52/53 of 9 December 1997 on Jerusalem, the Government of Guyana has complied with

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the provisions of the relevant United Nations resolutions, in conformity with the Charter of the United Nations. In accordance with resolution 52/54 of 9 December 1997 entitled "The situation in the Middle East: the Syrian Golan", the Government of Guyana is firmly committed to the principle of the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force and will work with the international community for the resumption of the peace process and for a just and comprehensive settlement of the situation in the Middle East.

Japan

[Original: English]

1. With respect to General Assembly resolution 52/53, Japan has acted in accordance with Security Council resolution 478 (1980); its diplomatic delegation is based in Tel Aviv. Japan believes that issues relating to Jerusalem should be resolved through the permanent status negotiations between the parties concerned, and until such solution is achieved both the parties should refrain from taking any unilateral action relating to the situation in Jerusalem. With respect to the decision of the Israeli Cabinet in June 1998 to approve a plan that would expand Jerusalem's municipal authority, Japan issued a statement that such approval of the plan by the Israeli Cabinet is undesirable in view of its possible negative effects on the peace process at a very critical stage.

2. With respect to General Assembly resolution 52/54, Japan supports Security Council resolutions 242 (1967) and 338 (1973). Japan hopes that the outstanding issues will be resolved peacefully through talks between the parties concerned. From this standpoint, Japan hopes that the relevant parties will overcome their differences as soon as possible and resume the negotiations on the Syrian track. Japan contributes troops to the United Nations Disengagement Observer Force with a view to supporting the efforts of the United Nations in this regard.

Nigeria

[Original: English]

The Secretary-General will be notified about the steps taken by the Nigerian Government concerning the implementation of the relevant provisions of resolutions 52/53 and 52/54 adopted by the General Assembly on 9 December 1997 at its fifty-second session, under the agenda item entitled "The situation in the Middle East", as soon as information is received.

Panama

[Original: Spanish]

1. It should be recalled that the Republic of Panama was a historical member of the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine of 1947. On 29 November 1947, the General Assembly approved, by a two-thirds majority that included Panama, the creation of two sovereign and independent States clearly defined by boundaries, one for the Jewish people and the other for the Palestinian Arab side.

2. Subsequently, with a view to supervising the demarcation of boundaries between the two sides, the United Nations appointed a special boundary commission composed of five members, of which Panama was one.

3. Panama, faithful to its democratic and pacifist tradition, declares its unshakeable commitment to strict respect for and observance of international law and the relevant provisions of all resolutions and/or decisions adopted by the General Assembly and the Security Council; furthermore, it expresses its wish to support those decisions actively in all forums, within and outside the United Nations system.

4. In today's changing world, it is appropriate for Panama to apply in its international relations the policy of "responsible pragmatism" and to declare that its loyalty to the right of self-determination of peoples, as the only means of preserving security and a just, stable and lasting peace, has always been elevated to the inalienable status of a foreign policy principle, and that the acquisition of land by force is inadmissible from the standpoint of international law.

5. Specifically, in a realistic context, the Republic of Panama has taken note of the intention of the Palestinian Authority, in conformity with the Declaration of Principles emanating from the Madrid Conference of 1991, to proclaim the State of Palestine in the territory of the Gaza Strip and the West Bank on 5 May 1999.

6. The Republic of Panama maintains its appeal to the parties concerned to comply with the 1991 Madrid Declaration of Principles, endorsed by the United States of America, the Russian Federation and the United Nations, and with the 1993 Oslo accords.

7. The Republic of Panama endorses in its entirety resolution 52/53, adopted by the General Assembly on 9 December 1997, and reaffirms that it took the decision at an early date *not* to transfer its diplomatic mission from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, in strict observance of Security Council resolution 478 (1980).

8. The Republic of Panama, in accordance with resolution 52/54, adopted by the General Assembly on 9 December 1997 and based on the formula of land for peace, has recommended to the parties involved that they use their best efforts to pursue the peace process through negotiation, which will enable them to arrive at a just solution.

Philippines

[Original: English]

1. Consistent with General Assembly resolution 52/53 and its stand on the issue of Jerusalem, the Philippines has expressed its support for Security Council resolution 478 by choosing to maintain its embassy in Tel Aviv rather than transfer to Jerusalem. As a matter of policy, the Government of the Philippines continues to stress whenever possible, and in the appropriate fora, the importance of Israel adhering to the above-mentioned resolutions.

2. With respect to the illegal occupation of Israel of the Syrian Golan, the Philippines has supported the relevant United Nations resolutions pertaining to an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan, such as General Assembly resolution 52/54. The Philippine Government will continue to support initiatives at the United Nations General Assembly and other international fora for the resumption of peace talks aimed at resolving the issue.

Russian Federation

[Original: Russian]

1. With regard to General Assembly resolution 52/53, entitled "Jerusalem", the Russian Federation, as a co-sponsor of the Middle East peace process, is continuing to work with the Palestinian and Israeli sides with a view to ensuring the implementation of agreements concluded earlier between them. Those agreements provide for the renunciation of unilateral action that could prejudice a negotiated settlement on the final status of the Palestinian territories, including the future of Jerusalem. The Russian Federation has expressed its deep concern at the Israeli authorities' intensification of settlement activity in East Jerusalem, and also with regard to the decision by the Government of Israel to expand the area over which the municipality of Jerusalem exercises jurisdiction.

2. With regard to General Assembly resolution 52/54, entitled "The situation in the Middle East: the Syrian Golan", the Russian co-sponsor considers that the future of the Golan should be decided through direct negotiations between the Syrian Arab Republic, and Israel based on Security Council resolutions 242 (1967) of 22 November 1967 and 338 (1973) of 22 October 1973 and the principle of "land for peace", which derives from them. On that basis, the Russian Federation will continue to encourage the speedy resumption of a constructive Syrian-Israeli dialogue based on the results thus far achieved in the negotiations between the Syrian Arab Republic and Israel.

Uganda

[Original: English]

Uganda was supportive of resolutions 52/53 and 52/54 adopted by the General Assembly on 9 December 1997 under the agenda item entitled "The situation in the Middle East". Uganda supports the ongoing peace process and calls upon all the parties to intensify efforts to find a permanent settlement through peaceful means.

Ukraine

[Original: English]

The Government of Ukraine has taken necessary measures in order to give effect to the relevant provisions set out in the above-mentioned resolutions.

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University of Jerusalem "Al-Quds" for Palestine refugees

Report of the Secretary-General

1. The present report is submitted in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 52/63 of 10 December 1997, the eighteenth resolution adopted since its first consideration of the subject at the thirty-fifth session (resolution 35/13 B).

2. The Secretary-General has submitted 16 reports (the last one being A/52/503) on the steps he has taken in pursuance of those resolutions, including his efforts to prepare the functional feasibility study on establishing the proposed university that was first requested by the Assembly in its resolution 36/146 G. The position of the Government of Israel in regard to the establishment of the university is also set out in those reports.

3. As the Secretary-General has previously indicated (see A/41/457, para. 4), he believes that, in order to comply with the request addressed to him by the General Assembly, it would be necessary to complete the functional feasibility study initiated in pursuance of previous Assembly resolutions. To that end, the Secretary-General again sought the assistance of the Rector of the United Nations University, who, at his request, made available a highly qualified expert, Mihaly Simai, to assist in the preparation of the study. The expert was to visit the area and meet with the relevant Israeli officials, bearing in mind that Israel exercises effective authority in the area concerned.

4. In a note verbale dated 25 August 1998 addressed to the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations, the Secretary-General, with reference to the request addressed to him by the General Assembly, requested that the Government of Israel facilitate the visit of the expert, which would take place at a mutually convenient date. Recalling the position taken by the Government of Israel concerning the proposed university, as well as the clarifications already given by the Secretariat to the questions raised by the Israeli authorities (see A/36/593, annex), the Secretary-General expressed the view that such questions could be best discussed on the occasion of the visit of the United Nations expert.

5. On 9 October 1998, the Permanent Representative of Israel sent the following reply to the Secretary-General:

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"Israel has voted consistently against this resolution entitled 'University of Jerusalem "Al-Quds" for Palestine refugees', and its position remains unchanged. It is clear that the sponsors of this resolution seek to exploit the field of higher education for political purposes totally extraneous to genuine academic pursuits. Accordingly, the Government of Israel is of the opinion that the proposed visit of Dr. Mihaly Simai to Israel would serve no useful purpose."

6. In view of the position taken by the Government of Israel, it has not been possible to complete the functional feasibility study on the proposed university at Jerusalem as planned.